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Thursday, November 12, 2015



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## Never forget



Sarah Ferguson Fort Erie Times

Holocaust survivor Andy Reti shared his story of survival and hope with 75 people Sunday at the Old Fort Erie Welcome Centre. He said the key to ensuring history doesn't repeat itself is education. For more information see page 23.

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### Bouquet for a son

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### Brick for closing offices early

A brick for some of those government offices that close at 5 p.m. Why? How does this benefit people who sometimes can barely get a lunch break to call you "between business hours". I can't even get a second to myself in a day and then, when I have a chance, you're closed. Bricked and annoyed.

### Brick for prank callers

A brick for the kids who left a message on my phone the other day. I know it's harder to make prank calls today with my friend caller ID, but if we don't pick up, it's because we don't know you, and a voice mail with unbelievably inappropriate language isn't really as funny to some of us as it is to you. I am seriously annoyed.

### Brick for loud chatters

A brick for the people who were chattering rather loudly the other night outside of Garrison. We were all young once, and I still remember... being young, too. Please, some of that language needs to be toned down. Keep our streets safe and ful people!

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### Bouquet for stag and does

A bouquet for stag and does. These are great ways to be supportive and meet family and friends and it's great when businesses and friends support these events. What a great way to have a good time at a fraction of the cost of getting out.

### Bouquet for good samaritans

A bouquet for the couple and the gentlemen that took the time at Walmart recently to stop and help my mom. She is elderly and does not get around to good, she was trying to load groceries and fell. These people not only assisted her by loading her groceries but drove her back to her apartment. Bringing her car, her groceries and her back to her home. Thank you for showing my mom this compassion and respect. From the bottom of my heart I thank you and am very grateful their are people like the three of you in our community.

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On Thanksgiving Monday, our son went for a bike ride to downtown Ridgeway. When he turned a corner, his back wheel hit some loose gravel, flipping him over his handle bars, landing on his head and shoulder. We would like to send out a huge bouquet to the people who came to his aid. They comforted him, gave him some water, called us at home and stayed with him until we came. We are so thankful that we live in such a great community with wonderful people.

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## Town to consider \$31-million capital budget

Sarah Ferguson  
Fort Erie Times

The Town of Fort Erie is considering spending \$31 million on 48 projects next year.

Councillors began the budget process last Wednesday when they sat down to review the capital budget and the forecast for the next 10 years.

John Janzen, director of financial services, said the majority of capital funding targets infrastructure projects.

Big ticket items include two

infrastructure projects on Catharine Street, and technology improvements in the council chambers. The biggest item on the budget list, Janzen said, is servicing requirements at Bowes Road for the Canadian Motor Speedway, the majority of which will be funded through other sources.

Janzen said Town staff has knock down the capital budget two years.

The preliminary budget, totalling \$31.65 million, will be funded from the December

2015 reserve fund balances and will be approved during a council meeting on Nov. 23.

The general budget, totaling \$25.65 million, has been deferred until the review of the 2016 operating budget is completed in January.

Janzen said larger projects such as infrastructure improvements at Bowes Road, will be discussed when the general levy is reviewed.

The Town is waiting for word on a number of funding applications it has made to fund the Bowes Road infrastructure project and others in the budget.

"The preliminary capital budget approves projects where we would have the money already available in our reserve based on current funding approvals," he said.

"The other amount requires next year's council action."

"It's important for council to see beyond this term," Mayor Wayne Redekop said in a press release.

"The ability for council to understand how our budget decisions today impact the long term financial health of our municipality makes it easier to make the tough decisions that will assist future operations," he added.

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### Budget meetings

- Dec. 8: Water and wastewater budget
- Jan. 13: Library and Economic and Development and Tourism budget
- Jan. 27: General levy operating budget
- Feb. 3: Additional meeting if required.

All budget meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers.

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## ► NEWS BRIEFS Barrier Installed on Wintemute

Traffic crossing over the Central Avenue Bridge is still a concern for Niagara Region officials. In his report to Fort Erie councilors on Monday night, Regional councilor Sam Annunziata said barriers on either side of Wintemute Street at the bridge will be installed to prevent motorists from turning onto Central Avenue while the bridge is under construction.

"These barriers will be installed to avoid the potential of two cars meeting at the top of the bridge," Annunziata said.

Annunziata said Region staff became concerned when residents complained about drivers who ignored the lighting system and made left and right-hand turns onto Central Avenue from Wintemute Street.

In an attempt to create awareness and improve safety for drivers, Annunziata said several measures, which include increasing police presence, have been taken to improve safety. But the measures taken by the Region haven't completely eliminated drivers from not following the rules of the road.

"These measures have been effective for people who follow the rules of the road," he said. Construction recently began to renew Fort Erie's most iconic bridge and work is expected to be completed by August 2016.

Traffic on the bridge has been reduced to one lane until the work is completed.

### Firm hired to develop waterfront strategy

During last week's council-

in-committee meeting, councilors approved a report, which awarded a contract to develop a waterfront strategy for Fort Erie's shoreline to the Planning Partnership at a cost of \$148,946. Half of that cost to hire the consulting firm will be paid for through Niagara Region's lakefront enhancement plan.

The Planning Partnership, the same firm involved with assisting the Town in developing the Bay Beach Master Plan.

The goal of the waterfront strategy is to increase public access to the Town's waterfront, enhance the appeal and sustainability of existing waterfronts, and explore new opportunities to develop new attractions and supporting facilities on the waterfronts.

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# Fallen soldiers remembered in Fort Erie

Annie Pasquariello  
Special to The Times

Sunday was a day set aside to honour the memory of veterans who have died while serving their country.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71, along with members of the community, honoured those that have fallen during a remembrance ceremony, beginning with a parade at the legion on Central Avenue to the cenotaph at Mather Arch.

Bill Livingston, parade marshal, led the many military personal to the ceremony, which included a roll call of the fallen and a wreath presentation.

Sam Stark, Branch 71 president, addressed the crowd and paid tribute to the fallen.

"These sacrifices have given us the standard of freedom and democracy that is the envy of the rest of the world," he said. "They gave their today for our tomorrow."

Dignitaries in attendance also addressed the crowd, reiterated the same sentiments.

MPP Wayne Gates reflected on his own father's time spent with the Canadian Army from 1939 until

1946 and Remembrance Day as a day to reflect on how lucky we truly are to be Canadian and to reflect upon the cost of that greatness.

"Many great Canadians have answered their call for the nation. Some returned to us, some did not. Each of these men and women gave their lives to protect the freedom we hold so dear," Gates said.

He also touched upon our recent federal election as just one great example of the millions of Canadians who took the time to exercise their democratic right to vote peacefully.

"We have veterans to thank for that. We thank them for giving us that right and protecting that right."

Mayor Wayne Redekop echoed the thought on the sacrifices our veterans have made for our country's freedoms.

"Each freedom we claim without hesitation, without thought, has been purchased with the lives, the limbs and the blood of veterans who served our country. We fail our veterans if we as a society permit to forget the sacrifices they have made and the value of those sacrifices to us as Canadians."



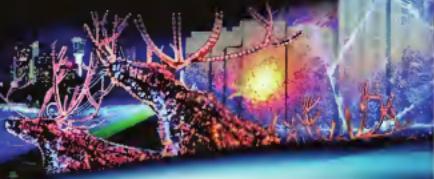
The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 hosted its Remembrance Ceremony Sunday at Mather Arch. Annie Pasquariello Special to The Times

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## ► NEWS BRIEF Public Health has new Fort Erie office

Niagara Region Public Health's Fort Erie office and Sexual Health Centre has a new office.

The office at 43 Hagey Ave. was closed Tuesday at noon and will reopen on Monday, Nov. 16 at 1264 Garrison Rd., Unit 2 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All telephone, fax and e-mail information will remain the same.

The new location in Fort Erie was chosen because of its location, accessibility for clients, proximity to the other health care services and availability of transportation clients.

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While the office is in the process of moving, residents requiring public health services can call the main office at 905-688-8248 or visit 1815 Sir Isaac Way in Thorold.

Sexual Health services can be accessed at 277 Welland Ave., St. Catharines, 5711 Kitchener St., in Niagara Falls, or 200 Division St., in Welland.

All public health programs and services, including dental clinics, immunization clinics, mental health counselling, breastfeeding support and water testing (pick-up and drop-off of bottles), will continue to be offered at the new Fort Erie office location. Sexual health counselling, testing, and treatment will continue to be provided at the new Fort Erie Sexual Health Centre.

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## Do You Remember?

A big thank you to Helen Anger, Sharon Ruch, Patty Mountain, Sandra Barkley and John Morningstar for calling in about last week's photo. Sandy Barkley and Jim McFarlane, former Irvin employees, are shown in this 1981 photo which may have been taken at an Irvin open house event. This week's photo was taken at the cairn at Ridgeway Battlefield Park. Do you know the name of this gentleman who is laying a wreath in honour of the soldiers who participated in the 1866 Battle of Ridgeway? Please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail us at museum@forterie.on.ca



# Plato: Let's have a look at the rattlesnake

**Earl Plato**  
Special to The Times

I had a call about the Massassauga rattlesnakes of Wainfleet Marsh.

Yes, there still live there. I have seen four adult live ones in past years. No one has died in 50 years from their bite. So don't worry.

Ontario snakes are non-venomous except for the rare Massassauga rattle-snake. Did I say rattle?

Look at the photo. Do you see a rattle? Not much of one I would say.

Listen to this: Two other non-venomous snakes vibrate their tails. They are two beautiful multi-coloured snakes - the Fox snake and the Milk snake. True story.

Years ago at our Sherkston farm, I came home from my school only to see a large milk snake dead at the base of a maple tree.

What happened? Local friends and plumbers were working on a pump when he heard my wife cry. She had met a large snake in our old farmhouse basement. It was dispatched.

The Fox and Milk snakes can imitate the rattlesnake by quickly vibrating the tips of their tails. If the tail comes in contact with leaf litter it can make a buzzing sound. You then may have a human reaction. Note: This old Milk snake was our guardian against rats. After its demise within two weeks we had rats! Don't kill snakes.

From our walks in Wainfleet Marsh I was told by late naturalist Bert Miller and, more recently, naturalist Ernie Giles that Massassauga gars are shy. You almost have to step on them.

The first one I had seen on Biederman Road were in the open sunning themselves. These snakes would rather retreat than bite if threatened. Just the same if you hear a rattle beware.

Since 2008 the Massassauga rattlesnake is listed as endangered. It is illegal to kill them in our province. The Massassauga is a stout-bodied snake about 50 to 70 centimetres long.

If you want to see one, take a few trips to Wainfleet Marsh next Spring.

Good news Albert Garafalo is an environmental scientist. He is a very active promoter of the planting of Beach grass. Remember the big storm and erosion in the 1980s? Much of the Beach grass was lost. The result was great erosion of our Lake Erie sand beaches. Albert arrived to the Marcy Wood beautiful beach. Albert had been invited by Dino DiCienzo Jr. He arrived with Deanna Linblad from our Niagara Conservation Authority.

Deanna had a team of twelve interested high school students, three teachers and long time Marcy Wood supporter, Dr. Rick Stockton. Over 900 culms of Beach grass were planted that day.

*Writer's historical note:*  
The Niagara Nature Club tried to do their part.

We planted years ago over a thousand little trees on the sandy dunes to no avail. Dr. Marcy had passed away. No DiCienzos back then. ATVs from Sherker Shores played havoc on the Marcy dunes. In no time the tree project to stabilize the dunes was over. The DiCienzos



An adult Massassauga rattlesnake.

have stopped this damage. Kudos to them and Albert Earl Plato is a Fort Erie resident, nature lover and local historian.

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## From the gardener's journal

**Ruth Vold Marke**  
Special to The Times

This past week brought out the very best the autumn could offer; sunshine and warmth through the crimson of burning bush, sumac and maple.

It brought days when the jacket of early morning could easily be discarded by noon and even a few warm evenings.

I have friends who were having a campfire each evening just to enjoy the great outdoors a little longer.

We know when November arrives; these moments of outdoor splendour can be few and far between. I hope you can snatch a few moments to enjoy the beauty each day offers.

November is a reflective month, with Remembrance Day on Nov. 11, and by the end, the realization that indeed the year is winding down.

Now is a good time to finish the projects you may have begun when it seemed the year would drag on.

The time spent in the greenhouse this week yielded the gathering of gourds and late pumpkins for seed saving.

We want to add some variety to our fall harvest next year, so we are concentrating on these projects.

It would seem the warmth and sunshine has brought on a growth spurt and another bloom to the many spring flowering perennials in the garden. Some years I think a late autumn flower show would be most appropriate.

The allure of the outdoors can and has kept me from some indoor harvest tasks. As I was still

preparing autumn apples and late tomatoes, I was thinking about the early settlers and how this season of warm harvest would be so welcome. They counted on their gardens for fresh vegetables and dried everything, including pumpkins to keep up their stocks of food.

In one early journal the description of the weariness of eating the last of the pumpkins in soup by May was expressed. The longing for fresh in those days was paramount. Today, we take so much of our food and the growing seasons for granted.

With that idea in mind this week's recipe is from The Laura Secord Canadian Cookbook,

published by our own McClelland and Stewart in 1966.

This cookbook has a huge variety of regional recipes from across Canada. (See box.)

If you have some time and would like a moment or two of bloom in abundance, visit the greenhouse at Fort Erie Secondary School this week.

A walk through the growth will lift your spirits—I guarantee. I'm there Tuesday and Thursdays between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. I will see you there, or on the trails and at the still colourful beach.

Until next time, keep growing

*Ruth Vold Marke is a member of the Fort Erie Horticultural Society.*

### GLAZED SQUASH RINGS

- Pre-heat oven to 375 degrees
- Wash and cut crosswise into 1/2 inch rings 2 acorn squash
- Arrange these in a single layer in a shallow baking pan. Add water to the depth of 1/4 inch. Cover with foil and steam in 375 degree oven for 10 minutes.
- Combine in a saucepan:
- 1/2 cup corn syrup
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1 tablespoon grated orange rind
- 2 tablespoons butter

Bring mixture to a boil and remove from heat. Drain the squash rings and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Pour the hot glaze over the rings and return to the oven.

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Miss Tammy of the Parenting and Family Literacy Centre and Miss Corina of the library will greet little ones and their caregivers on Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the Centennial branch for interactive fun and adventure. Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and playtime for babies and older children, too. Pre-Registration is not required for our early literacy programs, which will continue through mid-December.

Have you heard that the after school Homework Help program is now offered at the Crystal Ridge branch, as well as Centennial? Volunteer tutors work with students Kindergarten up to Grade 8, helping them with homework, teaching them study skills, and building their confidence.

Some of the tutors can teach French and Spanish to students whose first language is English, and help with English for students whose first language is French or Spanish.

The Homework Help program is free. To volunteer, to pre-register your child, or for more information, please contact Justin Burnside at [jburnside@fep.ca](mailto:jburnside@fep.ca) or 905-871-2546, ext. 305 to sign up. The cost of the

# Family hopes to make spirits bright for dialysis patients

Sarah Ferguson  
Fort Erie Times

Jack and Earlene Wilson hope to make the holidays brighter for dialysis patients.

The Stevensville couple is asking for assistance to make gift baskets for approximately 20 dialysis patients who have a loved one receiving dialysis treatment at home.

"We're not looking for anything huge. If anyone could donate a tin of

cookies, a box of chocolates, a gift card or spare change, it would make that much of a difference in someone else's life," Earlene explained.

"For families who are providing hemodialysis at home, with added medical expenses and already on a stretched income and a hectic schedule, the holiday season as we know it can be overwhelming."

Jack was 50 years old, and, at the point of

needing a transplant, when he was diagnosed with chronic kidney disease. Doctors also discovered Jack had cancer in his left kidney and removed it, leaving him with one low-functioning kidney.

While he waits for a kidney transplant, Jack's life now depends on a large machine made for home hemodialysis, an artificial kidney that cleans his blood of waste and excess fluid.

Every other day, Jack sits in a leather recliner in a bedroom of his home, facing a flat-screen television while he is

connected to the life-saving machine that cleans his blood.

His treatments begin early in the morning and last about five hours. Earlene helps Jack each day by preparing the machine for his treatment.

Hooking him up to the machine can take anywhere from 30 to 40 minutes depending on how organized she is.

The Wilsons know how a life-threatening illness can change a family's life. They had to give up their dream home, a farm on Bowen Road, and moved to a

smaller house in Stevensville that could accommodate the machinery necessary for Jack's dialysis treatment.

She works full-time at the Stevensville Garden Gallery in addition to assisting Jack with his treatment.

The Wilsons said their story is similar to many others in Niagara and that's why they want to help other families who are currently receiving home dialysis treatments.

The Wilsons have created a charity called Bringing Chronic Smiles. All of the proceeds are donated to

patients who have Chronic Kidney Disease. In addition to raising funds to give families gas and grocery cards, the Wilsons have decided to take on the task of making holiday backs.

They ask anyone that is interested, to make a donation by the end of November. The backs will be distributed to the families during the first week of December.

For more information call Jack and Earlene Wilson at 905-327-6767.

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Who: Jack and Earlene Wilson

What: The Stevensville residents want to help other families who have a loved one receiving home dialysis treatments.

Where: Monetary donations can be dropped off

at the Stevensville Garden Gallery, Stevensville Garden Gallery, 2821 Stevensville Rd., in Stevensville.

Why: The Wilsons plan to deliver holiday baskets to families like them who have a loved one receiving home dialysis treatments.



Sarah Ferguson/Fort Erie Times

Earlene and Jack Wilson, who receives dialysis treatments at home to help him manage his chronic kidney disease, want to brighten the holidays for other home dialysis patients in Niagara.

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# Massive development boosts hopes for south Niagara town

**Ray Spiteri**  
Postmedia Network

A \$284-million proposed development around the Fort Erie Race Track is further proof the border town is on the upswing, says Mayor Wayne Redekop.

After waiting for years, he said, Fort Erie is becoming a place where investors see opportunity.

Whether it's the Canadian Motor Speedway proposal, the Miller's Creek marina project, or plans to diversify the horse-track property, the town can see light at the end of the tunnel.

"This magnitude of investment in Fort Erie is very good news," said Redekop. "It allows us to further market Fort Erie as a great place

to invest. It's further proof to the development community that we're open for business."

The new owners of track plan to construct a hotel, indoor water park and other projects on land surrounding the race track.

To assist in the development of the property, Buffalo-based investors Carl Paladino, Bill Mosey, David Kompton and Joel Castle, who purchased the racetrack and the entire 338-acre property in August 2014, asked to have the site included in Niagara Region's Niagara Gateway Economic Zone and Centre Community Improvement Plan. It is a program that provides tax incentives for developments in Niagara.

Regional councillors supported the inclusion of the site during its planning and development committee meeting last Wednesday. The decision needs to be ratified at a future council meeting.

According to the report prepared by regional councillors, the investors want to build a "premier tourist attraction" with a mix of commercial and industrial uses that will also complement the Canadian Motor Speedway. The report also stated plans for the development are expected to occur in "at least four phases with total construction value estimated over \$280 million."

Redekop said the development idea is not new, and was something the previous

owners considered.

He said the "variety of activities" proposed will "generate more activity and greater potential" for the area.

"Now we've got investors who are committed to the area, credible investors who are well-known in western New York, who have made large-scale investments over

there," Redekop said at this stage there are only conceptual plans and that the project is part of a long-term vision.

"It's not going to happen over the next couple of weeks. But it's a great opportunity to attract more and more people to the town, provide more opportunities for more people to visit the track."

Redekop said he hopes the track investment will convince the province to return the slots to the track.

The provincial government yanked the slots out of the track — along with more than 200 jobs — in 2012 to modernize the gaming industry in Ontario.

Many found the closure of the slots would deliver a death knell to the track, which has been around for 118 years. But this year's numbers indicate the track is thriving and business is growing.

Jim Thibert, chief executive officer of the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium, said as general manager of the Fort Erie Economic Development and Tourism Corporation, he worked with

the track's previous owners on a similar proposal. Thibert said he has also had discussions with the new owners.

"These are very experienced business people," he said.

Thibert said the EDTC has been working on the speedway, racing and track files for years, "building momentum" for the town.

He said the Region has become a willing partner with Niagara municipalities looking to attract investment to their communities.

"We're ready and we've got investors," said Thibert. "All we need to do is get rid of the red tape and the Region wants to help us."

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## Health Corner

### Protect yourself from Oral Cancer

If you think regular dental visits are only to prevent cavities and gum disease, you will be surprised. Dental visits also help dentists to screen for the presence of oral cancers.



Dr. John Inigo

If you think regular dental visits are only to prevent cavities and gum disease, you will be surprised. Dental visits also help dentists to screen for the presence of oral cancers.

According to Health Canada, oral cancer is the 13<sup>th</sup> most common cancer out of 23 reported cancers. Unfortunately, the incidences with new oral cancers are rapidly increasing and are predicted to have a higher number of new cases and deaths than stomach, brain and ovary cancers and currently survival rate is only 63 percent (Lower Survival rate than cancer, skin cancer and prostate cancer).

As in any other cancers, prevention is the key. However also important is the early detection. Dentists can visually screen for oral cancer but it is often later when it is visible to naked eyes.

Dr. John Inigo is a practicing general dentist in Fort Erie and Ridgeway, Ontario. He can be reached at Inigo Bertie Dentistry, 905.871.2903 or Inigo Ridgeway Dentistry, 905.894.5555. For further information and discussion, please visit his office at [www.inigodentistry.com](http://www.inigodentistry.com).

Here are the risk factors associated with oral cancers: Age (over 45),

Smoking, Alcohol, Human Papilloma Virus Infection, Diet low in fruits and vegetables, and Sun Exposure (UV Exposure).

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# Tories look past Nicholson for interim leader

Ray Spiteri  
Postmedia Network

After an unsuccessful bid to become interim leader of the federal Conservatives, Niagara Falls MP Rob Nicholson says he has no plans to seek the party's long-term leadership.

Last Thursday, the Tories chose former health minister and Alberta MP Rona Ambrose as their interim replacement for former leader Stephen Harper.

There were eight candidates for the post, which comes with an extra \$80,100 in salary, a car and driver, and the residence of the official leader of the Opposition — Stornoway.

In addition to Ambrose

and Nicholson, the candidates included MPs Mike Lake, Diane Finley, Erin O'Toole, Candice Bergen, while Michelle Rempel and Denis Lebel ran on a joint ticket.

"It was by preferential ballot and you take what the results were," said Nicholson after the results were counted, adding he gets along with Ambrose. "I made a very good run at it."

A key political task ahead of Ambrose will be to rebuild the party heading into the eventual formal leadership race.

Nicholson, a 20-year federal politician, said he will support Ambrose in the "transitional position" that is interim leader.

He said he will now focus on representing the Niagara Falls riding in Parliament, which includes Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Fort Erie.

Despite the Tories losing power in the Oct. 19 election, Nicholson was elected for the fifth straight time in his riding.

Following his victory, the 20-year federal politician said he received a number of calls from caucus colleagues asking him to consider running for the interim leadership.

Nicholson said he was "honoured and humbled" by those calls.

During the last 10 years under the Harper government, Nicholson served as

Canada's leader of the government in the House of Commons, minister responsible for democratic reform, justice minister and attorney general, defence minister

and, most recently, minister of foreign affairs.

The 63-year-old lawyer was first elected in 1984 and served under former Conservative Prime Minister

Brian Mulroney until 1993, when both he and the Tory government were defeated by the Liberals.

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Rob Nicholson



# Novel explores 'the weight of love'

Sarah Ferguson  
Fort Erie Times

There's nothing that Kim Thuy finds more fulfilling than writing.

"What do I love the most (about writing)? The words; how beautiful they are," the author said.

"They have their own colour, and each word has a physical weight, a texture and a sound."

When writing is done well, Thuy said it's "almost like music, when you put the notes together."

"When I put words together and hear the sound of the sentence, it's such a great pleasure, feel very fulfilled when the sound is right."

Thuy, who lives in Montreal, is the fifth author to be featured in the Ridgeway Reads Literary Society's Fall Reading Series. She will visit Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School on Friday, Nov. 13 to discuss her novel, *Min*.

*Min* has three mothers: the one who gives birth to her in wartime, the nun who plucks her from a vegetable garden, and her beloved Maman, who becomes a spy to survive.

Hoping to find security for her growing family, Maman finds *Min* a husband, a lonely Vietnamese resistor who lives in Montreal.

*Min*, who is thrown into a completely different world, discovers her natural talent as a

chef. She practices her art, with food as her medium. She creates dishes that are much more than sustenance for the body.

Min is considered to be a mystery. Her name means "perfect fulfillment" yet she and her band seem to drift along. But when Min meets a married chef in Paris, everything changes in the instant of a fleeting touch, and Min discovers the all-encompassing obsession and ever-present dangers of a love affair.

Thuy said she took inspiration from her aunt to write *Min*.

"It started with the story of my aunt who, when she was 16, had a boy who was in love with her," Thuy said.

"It was during war time in Vietnam. It was a different era. When you were in love with a girl, you'd walk her home from school and from school to home without talking to her so she remains pure. This boy followed her for a year."

If a young man loved a young woman, it was proper protocol for him to tell his parents before he met the parents of his love interest.

"If he really loved her, he would then ask her parents for her hand," Thuy said.

One day, Thuy said the young man went to her aunt's house and asked to talk to her, "which was unusual."

"He arrived in his military uniform. He was called to serve because he was not admitted to

university."

He took one of his dog tags and gave it to Thuy's aunt as a symbol of love.

Soldiers have two dog tags, so if you fall in war, your comrades can break one tag off and take it back to use, Thuy said.

"It meant he was giving her his life, or she meant life to him. She understood the meaning of it, the symbol of the gesture so she rejected him because it meant a lot."

If she took it, it meant she was promising herself for him.

It wasn't until Thuy's aunt was in her thirties when she remembered the story again.

"At 30, you look back and remember what it meant to reject a young boy who was scared going on a battle field. It felt cruel to her," Thuy said.

"She had been telling story for years since I was born. I wanted to tell that story because I was wondering if love has the same weight today as it did back then."

Thuy encourages anyone interested in learning more about her novel to visit the lecture on Friday.

"It will be a night of laughs. I think it will be a fun and funny night if you come to spend it with me," she said.

Dinner opens at 6:30 p.m. and the event will end at 7 p.m.

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- CNR Overhead Westbound and Eastbound Lanes, Site 34-131/182
- CNR Overhead Northbound Ramp to Thompson Road, Site 34-131/5
- Thompson Road Ramp Underpass, Site 34-224
- Central Avenue Underpass Northbound and Southbound Lanes, Site 34-168/182



KEY PLAN

Options being considered include rehabilitation, decommission or replacement of these structures.

### **THE PROCESS**

The study will follow the approved planning process for a Group 'C' project in accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities, 2000 (Class EA) with the opportunity for public input throughout the study. Group 'C' projects are considered to be approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act, subject to compliance with the Class EA and the application of mitigation measures where necessary. No future public notices will be provided for this component of the project.

### **CONSTRUCTION AND TEMPORARY LANE AND RAMP CLOSURES**

Construction work is anticipated to commence in the spring of 2017. As part of this work, long-term lane closures will be required on the affected roads/bridges crossing over the QEW (potentially with temporary traffic signals controlling a single-lane of crossing road traffic); potentially with temporary (off-peak) lane and shoulder closures may be required along the QEW within the study area. In addition, temporary night-time ramp closures may be required to accommodate the structure rehabilitations. Efforts will be made to reduce delays to the travelling public where possible. Notice of lane and ramp closures, if required, will be posted in advance of the work by the Contractor.

### **COMMENTS**

We are interested in hearing any comments or concerns that you may have with the study. For further information or to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.



# Support the United Way

The United Way of Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie is set to host its annual luncheon at the Iroquois Canadian Club in Fort Erie on Tuesday, Nov. 24.

Mari's Catering will serve a pasta lunch for \$15 per person.

The luncheon is also an

opportunity to learn more about the way the United Way assists agencies in the community.

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**Artistic exhibition**

Photographer Roman Kali, of Niagara Falls, was one of more than 20 artists featured at the Red Ribbon Art Exhibition at the Fort Erie Leisureplex Banquet Hall on Saturday night. The event, which is organized by the Fort Erie Arts Council, gives Niagara artists an opportunity to display and sell their work.



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## TOWN OF FORT ERIE NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING

COMBINED OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT  
21 WINTEMUTE STREET

AGENT: LEIGH WHYTE OF PLW PLANNING CONSULTANTS  
OWNER: 2353345 ONTARIO INC. (STEVE BREMMER)

Applications: 350309-0100 and 350308-0397

DATE: DECEMBER 7, 2015  
TIME: 6:00 PM  
LOCATION: TOWN HALL, COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS

### PROPOSED CHANGE

An application for a Combined Official Plan and Zoning Amendment has been received from PLW Planning Consultants, Agent for 2353345 Ontario Inc. (Steve Bremmer). The purpose of the applications is to permit the conversion of the existing building located at 21 Wintemute Street into a 9-unit apartment building.

The subject property is currently designated Institutional in the Town's Official Plan and Zoned site specific R2-39 in the Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-Law 129-90. The application for the Combined Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendment proposes to change the designation of the property to Higher Density Residential and the Zoning to site specific Residential Multiple 2 RM2 Zone. The purpose of the site specific zoning provision is to recognize the existing detached front yard, interior side yard and exterior side yard setbacks.

### HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendment is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the Public Meeting or by making a written submission to the Town. Please note that unless you do one of the above now, you may not be able to appeal the decision later.

### PLANNING ACT LEGAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

The Town of Fort Erie has not yet made a decision regarding this application.

After considering any written comments and the comments from the public meeting, a Recommendation Report will be prepared for a future Council-In-Committee meeting.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie in respect of the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-Law amendment before the approval authority gives or refuses to give approval to the Official Plan Amendment and the Zoning By-Law amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Fort Erie to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie in respect of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-Law amendment before the approval authority gives or refuses to give approval to the Official Plan Amendment and the Zoning By-Law amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board, unless in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Laura Bubaniko, Town Clerk and such request should include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015

Laura Bubaniko, CMO, DipL.M.A.  
Manager, Legislative Services/Clerk

Richard F. Brady, MA, MCIP, RPP, Director of Community and Development Services

## TOWN OF FORT ERIE NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING

ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT AND DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION  
EAST OF NETHERBY ROAD, WEST OF BLACK CREEK ROAD AND NORTH OF BAKER ROAD

AGENT: UPPER CANADA CONSULTANTS  
OWNER: 9136916 CANADA LTD. (GARY LAU AND SIMON MOU)

Applications: 350308-0100 and 350308-0397

DATE: DECEMBER 7, 2015  
TIME: 6:00 PM  
LOCATION: TOWN HALL, COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS

### PROPOSED CHANGE

Applications for Zoning Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision have been received from Upper Canada Consultants, Agent for 9136916 Canada Ltd. The purpose of the applications is to permit the development of a 14.7 ha site containing one 16-unit townhouse complex, 16 semi-detached and 50 street townhouse dwellings as well as a park and two stormwater management ponds.

The location of the proposed Plan of Subdivision is currently zoned Residential Multiple 1 Holding RM1 (H), Residential Building R2 (H), Hazard Site Specific Hazard H-335, site specific Open Space Site OS-200 and site specific Open Space OS-337. The application is to amend planning by-laws at the site to a site specific Residential 2 Zone to permit single detached dwellings with site specific regulations for minimum lot frontage, minimum lot area, minimum front yard setback and maximum building height. The application is to amend planning by-laws at the site to a site specific Residential Multiple 1 RM1 Zone with site specific regulations for semi-detached and street townhouse dwellings. The site specific regulations for semi-detached dwellings include minimum lot frontage, minimum lot area, maximum lot coverage, minimum front yard, minimum interior side yard and maximum building height. The proposed site specific regulations for street townhouse dwellings are to permit site specific regulations for minimum lot area, minimum front yard setback, minimum interior side yard and maximum building height, and maximum lot coverage. The proposed zoning amendment is also to zone the locations of the stormwater management ponds and parks as site specific Open Space Zones to permit their respective uses only.

To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision of the Zoning By-Law Amendment, please send a letter c/o

The Town Clerk Laura Bubaniko, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6 or an email to [luba@town.forterie.on.ca](mailto:luba@town.forterie.on.ca)

### PLANNING ACT LEGAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

The Town of Fort Erie has not yet made a decision regarding these applications.

After considering any written comments and the comments from the public meeting, a Recommendation Report will be prepared for a future Council-In-Committee meeting.

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Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015

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### MORE INFORMATION

For further information please contact Matt Kernahan, Senior Development Planner at (905) 871-1600 extension 2507 or [mkernahan@town.forterie.on.ca](mailto:mkernahan@town.forterie.on.ca). A copy of the Information Report will be available in the Council agenda portion of the Town's Web Site [www.town.forterie.on.ca](http://www.town.forterie.on.ca) or from the Community and Development Services Department.

### WRITTEN SUBMISSION

Please provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision of the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendment, please send a letter c/o the Town Clerk Laura Bubaniko, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6 or an email to [luba@town.forterie.on.ca](mailto:luba@town.forterie.on.ca)



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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### BY-LAW TO ADOPT 2016 PRELIMINARY CAPITAL BUDGET

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 291 of the Municipal Act, 2001 and Town of Fort Erie Public Notice Policy By-law No. 206-07 the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie intends to consider a by-law at its meeting of Monday, November 23, 2015 to adopt the 2016 Preliminary Capital Budget.

For more information please go to the Town's website at [www.forterie.on.ca](http://www.forterie.on.ca) under Government & Budgets & Finances. Further enquiries should be directed to Jonathan Janzen, Director of Financial Services at 905-871-1600 ext. 2300 ([jjanzen@forterie.on.ca](mailto:jjanzen@forterie.on.ca)).

Any person interested in appearing before Council as a delegation at the aforesaid Council Meeting to address the proposed by-law must register with the Clerk's Office by 3:00 p.m. Thursday, November 19, 2015 (905-871-1600 ext. 2236/2212). Written comments will also be received by the undersigned up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, November 19, 2015 either by mail, email or hand delivery.

Laura Bubenko, Town Clerk  
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The Times – November 12, 2015

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**Barb Horning Special to The Times**

### A special thanks

This past Saturday, the Rich Products' Hazmat team was honoured for their bravery and quick response to an ammonia leak that occurred at the plant in the summer. They were presented with certificates from The Town of Fort Erie, the provincial government and the Ridgeway Crystal Beach Kinmans at a Comedy, Pasta dinner and Appreciation Night fundraiser held by the Ridgeway Crystal Beach Kinmans. All proceeds from the event will support the Kinmans Christmas of Love that serves turkey dinner and toys to families in need. From left, is (front row) Rick Kidd, Kathie Blauth, (back row) Jim Fouillis, Ken Wainfield, Vince Woodcock and Kevin Blough.



Special to The Times

## Helping critters in need

The Fort Erie SPCA held a 50/50 draw on Oct. 30. The first place prize of \$2,250 was awarded to Pat Patterson; second place prize of \$1,125 was awarded to Stan Waszynski; third place prize of \$375 was awarded to Elizabeth Page. From left, is SPCA manager Wendy Trombley and the shelter's co-op student, Bill Stewart. Trombley said staff at the SPCA wish to thank everyone who supported the draw because the proceeds that were generated from it will support the animal shelter.

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# Holocaust survivor says he was saved by love

Sarah Ferguson

Fort Erie Times

Before Andy Reti was old enough to understand the concept of war, he was forced to face hunger, pain and loss.

But it was love that kept him alive.

The now 73-year-old was only two years old when he, his mother and grandmother were forced out of their home in Hungary in 1944. He became one of many child Holocaust survivors.

It's hard to imagine the suffering Andy and his family experienced, but it was his mother's love that shielded him from one of the most horrific events in history.

Andy, Hungarian survivor and author of *Escape to Freedom* written with his mother, Ibolya Reti, and *An Extraordinary Woman in Extraordinary Times*, shared his family's experience during the Holocaust with approximately 75 people on Sunday afternoon at the Old Fort Erie welcome centre.

Andy described his mother who lost her battle with cancer a few years ago, as "courageous," a "fighter," and "the reason why he survived."

Each time Andy, a lecturer at the Holocaust Education Centre in Toronto, speaks about his family's experiences during the Second World War he dedicates his lectures to Ibolya.

"Every Holocaust survivor's story is a love story; the love of life, the love of family and the love of freedom," Andy said.

"It's her story that I am going to tell you but it's also my story because I was with her when it happened."

Andy began by telling listeners that his mother married "the love of her life," a man named Zolti, in 1939.

They lived in a tight-knit community where everyone knew each other.

But everything changed when, one day, there was a harsh knock on the Reti family's door.

"It was young thugs with guns telling us to pack up everything we could carry," Andy said.

"My mother had the foresight to tell my grandmother that 'No matter what, you

should follow me.'

His father and grandfather, who had left a few weeks, previously, were forced to join work camps and perform hard manual labour.

"As hundreds of people were being marched down the streets, the same neighbours who had come to know us were cheering and jeering 'You filthy rotten Jews. You will get what you deserve.'

They were taken to an abandoned racetrack where there were so many people "there wasn't enough room to sit down."

That's where Andy said a "miracle happened." Child and mother became separated when a Nazi officer told Ibolya to put Andy down on the ground and leave him.

"My grandmother followed and picked me up," Reti said. Ibolya couldn't look back out of fear one of the Nazis would harm her. She had no idea what would happen to her son.

Andy's grandmother spotted a policeman she knew and begged him to help her. He told her "not to get mixed up in that crowd," pointing to a group of men and women who were headed for Auschwitz where they were sentenced to death; they were murdered in gas chambers.

Along with his mom and grandmother, Andy was given a ghetto in Budapest to stay. He recalls how his mother read to him to distract him from the pangs of hunger when food became scarce.

They managed to make due with what little they did have while they waited out the war. They were liberated from the ghetto in 1945.

When they were forced from their home, the Retis, along with other prisoners were forced by soldiers with guns to give up everything valuable to them.

But Ibolya wasn't going to the "Nazis bullies." She wasn't going to lose the ring that symbolized the marriage to "the love of her life."

"My mother hid her ring. You can guess where she would have hidden it?" Reti asked.

She saved the ring



Holocaust survivor Andy Reti shared his family's journey to freedom during the Second World War with 75 people Sunday at the Old Fort Erie Welcome Centre on Sunday afternoon.

by hiding it inside of Andy's diaper. It's the ring that Andy now wears proudly on his left hand during "special occasions."

Although his mother's ring survived the Holocaust, Andy's father did not.

Zolti became one of six million Jews who were killed because of "bullying." Andy held back tears; his voice shook as he told the small crowd of listeners he learned much later after the war that a Nazi shot his father.

In the days following, Zolti heard the sounds of war gunfire, screams and fighting. He knew liberators were coming to release him from his imprisonment.

When a family member asked the young father to escape with him

him, Zolti refused out of fear that he would be shot.

"The Nazis knew they were losing," Andy said.

A few hours later, the Nazis opened fire on the prisoners in the labour camp. Rather than let the prisoners go, they decided to kill all of them.

"My father did not die in vain, though," Andy said. "He died for love."

It is because of love that Andy says he is able to share his family's story with thousands of people each year.

"I owe my life to my mother and grandmother," he said.

After the war, Andy and his surviving family members returned to their home.

"It was one of the few apartments that were left

untouched," he said.

It was a kind-hearted janitor that gave the Retis staples; coffee, tea and bread to eat and drink while they got their lives back on track.

Andy came to Canada and now has five children, four grandchildren and a life filled with no shortage of love. Having grandchildren, he said, "is the best revenge against the Nazis."

Despite the challenges his family faced, Andy said he grew up and discovered the best of what life has to offer.

"I just need a minute. I need to change uniforms," Andy laughed as he removed his formal jacket and replaced it with a leather vest covered in patches. He put on a black and white bandana around his head.

"How do I look now?" he asked.

In the years since his early childhood, Andy has become an avid motorcycle rider and a member of the Vinden Wheels Motorcycle Club of Toronto.

As time goes on, Andy, said it's "easy to forget" what happened to millions of people as a result of a world war that ended 70 years ago.

That's why he remains dedicated to sharing his mother's and his story of survival with anyone willing to listen.

"Education is important," Andy said. "Education is how we make sure something like this doesn't happen again."

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Twenty-four Grade 9 students from across Niagara visited Old Fort Erie last Wednesday as part of Take Our Kids to Work Day.

## Students get their first taste of work experience

**Sarah Ferguson**  
Fort Erie Times

Sean Vought watched in awe as a staff member fired a cannon at the entrance of Old Fort Erie.

"Oh, this is just amazing," the Grade 9 Jean Vanier student said.

Last Wednesday was the first time Vout visited the historic fort. He was one of 24 students from across Niagara who visited the site as part of Take Our Kids to Work Day.

Thousands of Grade 9 students from across Canada participated in the event by going to work with their parents or other family members.

"I think this is a great opportunity to get out and learn, see the sights," Vout said.

Will Jackman, a student from A.N. Myer thought it was "cool" to spend the day learning outside of the classroom.

"You get to learn about jobs and think about what you might want to do," he said.

In addition to visiting Old Fort Erie, Travia Hill, the interim manager of the historic fort, said the Grade 9 students also visited other sites owned by the Niagara Parks Commission including the Butterfly Conservatory and Table Rock.

"(The students) are learning about their heritage, the Niagara

Parks Commission and of Fort Erie," Hill said.

Hill, who enjoys his job at Old Fort Erie, said he was glad to have the youths visit the historic site in order to learn more about it.

"It's the best job I have had. It's given me the opportunity to speak with people from all over the world without having to leave my own backyard."

Take Our Kids to Work Day is a national program of the Learning Partnership. More than 1.5 million young Canadians have participated in the program since its inception in 1994.

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Special to The Times

Mrs. Parliament's Night Out, presented by the Garrison Little Theatre, runs until Nov. 14.

# Play filled with laughs, fun and charm

Sarah Ferguson  
Fort Erie Times

Garrison Little Theatre offers up lots of laughs, fun and charm in its production of *Mrs. Parliament's Night Out*.

After her husband of many years forgets their 32nd wedding anniversary, Teresa Parliament, played by Darka Makarec, sets out to find a life for herself outside the home.

At the insistence of her grocer, Mr. Marx, played by Vince Marinaccio, Mrs. Parliament decides it's time to re-examine her life and try new things.

Makarec ably expresses Teresa's transformation from a reserved, conservative housewife facing middle age with a dunc of a husband to a ready-to-go modern woman with a great mix of humour and levity. The audience can't help but chuckle as Makarec's Mrs. Parliament is shocked by

lingerie she considers to be risqué and cheer later on as she trying new things like wine tasting, dance classes, and even flirting with the idea of an affair with gusto.

With much hilarity, Mrs. Parliament joins a camera club, takes salsa lessons, goes bowling and takes archery lessons, broadening her horizons with each new hobby.

The play can be dances with the theme of mortality. Teresa's neighbour, Ruby Lewicki, played charmingly by Annie Alexander, teaches the audience that life can be gone in an instant. Alexander shined as the senior housewife who died as a result of a tumour "the size of a throw pillow" and is fondly remembered by her husband, Carl Lewicki, played by James Kitchen, as enters a new phase of his own life on his own.

Carl Lewicki soon befriends the grocer Marx. Having both lost their wives, they form an unexpected friendship that is treated with warmth and realism. Their scenes together were some of the funniest and more heartfelt the play has to offer, adding to the offbeat charm.

Offering complex themes, but always in a light and fun way, *Mrs. Parliament's Night Out* looks on the bright side of making fun, even if you have to do it alone.

New this year, the Garrison Little Theatre has ensured each actor is microphoned, making it easier for the audience to hear every word spoken in the Italo Canadian Club.

Mrs. Parliament's Night Out runs until Nov. 14. For more information about upcoming performances and plays visit [www.garrisonlittletheatre.com](http://www.garrisonlittletheatre.com).

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The Fort Erie Meteors fell to the Caledonia Corvairs 8-3 Saturday night at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.

# Hubbert: ‘Meteors are struggling right now’

Sarah Ferguson  
Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Meteors fell 8-3 to the Caledonia Corvairs Saturday night at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.

“It was not a good weekend [for the Fort Erie Meteors],” head coach Rob Hubbert said about the junior B team, which also lost to the Niagara Falls Canucks Friday at the Galt Centre.

Hubbert said the junior B team is “struggling right now.”

“We’re struggling to score goals. We’re struggling to keep goals out.”

Matthew Hore scored at 6:08, Quentin Maksimovich,

16:09 and Mitch Graham at 18:47 to give the Corvairs a 3-2 lead over the Meteors headed into the second period.

Fort Erie’s Dakota Miskolczi scored at 7:03 and Holden Garleit scored short-handed at 15:28 in the first period.

Matt Rimac scored at 6:50 for the Corvairs in the second period. Black Luscombe and Maksimovich scored his second of the night at 12:47 in the third period.

Daniel Singer picked up another point for the Meteors at 8:48 in the third period.

Fort Erie spent 26 minutes in the penalty box on 10 infractions, while Caledonia spent two trips in the penalty box with 24 minutes on eight infractions.

Bryden Lachance saved 14 of 17 shots and Riley Daniels saved 13 of 17 shots on Fort Erie’s net. Zach Moore made 23 saves on Caledonia’s net.

“I thought we battled hard but we can’t let in eight goals,” defenseman Bryce Martin.

“(Caledonia) has a lot of skilled players. I think they’ve only lost one game this season. They know how to play. They know how to finish the game.”

Martin said his team needs to “stay out of the penalty box” and “capitalise [their] chances, play strong in the defensive zone and put more pucks in the net.”

Hubbert said the Meteors “were tenacious on the puck.”

“At the end of the day, we haven’t scored many goals. When you get three goals against these guys and two shorthanded goals, you have got to find a way to shut the door.”

The St. Catharines Falcons will host the Fort Erie Meteors Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

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The win was the Blue Devils' fourth win in a row in high school football action.

Holy Cross came into the game needing to win to keep their playoff hopes alive and Ridgeway was playing to preserve their first place record.

The Blue Devils started off slow and found themselves behind 7-0 at halftime. The Blue Devils knew they needed to rally in the second half. The team responded in the second half with 28 unanswered points to take the victory and clinch a first place tie for the regular season league title.

Thomas Cochrane led the offense with 154 yards on the ground and a touchdown. Colin Howe added 67 yards rushing and 17 yards receiving with two touchdowns. Jake Swanson threw for 74 yards on eight of 16 passing. Cochrane also scored on a 75-yard punt return for a touchdown.

The Devils defense was led by Adam Lukacs who contributed 13 tackles and a fumble recovery. Liam Alcroft and Eric

### BLUE DEVILS



Timbers each contributed to the defensive domination with seven tackles.

The junior team finished in a first place tie with St. Francis and Centennial.

#### BUCS FORFEIT

The Beamsville Bucs forfeited their senior A football semifinal against the defending champion Ridgeway-Crystal Beach Blue

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It is the fifth forfeit of a senior football game this season, but first at the A level. The other four were at the AA level.

The Blue Devils and Thorold Golden Eagles met in the A final Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge Arena. Results were not available before press deadline.



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**BORELLI, Wendy Diane** - On Tuesday, November 3rd 2015, Wendy passed away peacefully, at Douglas Memorial Hospital, after a courageous battle, at the age of 70. She is survived by her loving husband, Patrick of 46 years; beloved mother of Christopher (Kayleen Kyle) and Jay (Michele) Borelli and her son-in-law, Taylor and Riley Borelli. Dear sister of Susan (Barry) Nelson. A special thank you to all the staff at Douglas memorial Hospital for their care and support. A celebration of life will take place at the Shriners Hall, 5621 Main Street Niagara Falls, on Saturday, November 14th, 2015, 10am - 2pm. In memory of Wendy those who wish may make a memorial donation to the Canadian Cancer Society. Arrangements entrusted to WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES.



**MEISTER, Brigitte Vera** - Brigitte Vera passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 2nd 2015 at the age of 72 in the comfort of her home, surrounded by the love of her family. She is reunited with her beloved husband, Lothar Meister, who passed earlier this year. She was the loving mother of Anja (Ul) and Jorg and the grandmother of Sophie and Daniel. Brigitte touched our hearts with her boundless love, positive spirit and joy for life. She only saw the beauty in all people; a glorious ray of sunshine. Brigitte had the precious ability to make everybody feel loved and appreciated, whether it was a friend or a complete stranger. There are no words to express how deeply she will be missed. She is our sweet angel. At her request, cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES, 905-894-0120.

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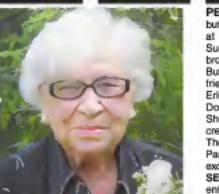
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**MYMRYK, Donna** - Passed away at home on Friday, November 6, 2015 at the age of 84. Beloved wife of the late Harry (1997). Dear mother of Patricia Mymryk, Beverly (Ronald) Winger, Jo-Anne (Brian) Anderson and Mike Mymryk. Great-grandmother of Tracy (Steve) Czachek, Kristie and Joshua Anderson and great-grandmother of Spencer and Tyler Czachek. Predeceased by her sister Helen Lampman. Donna will be remembered for her kind heart and will be missed by all who knew her. **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES**, 722 Ridge Rd. North, Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements. A service to celebrate Donna's life will be held at the funeral home on Saturday, November 14th at 11 o'clock. A reception will follow and then interment will take place at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery. For those who wish memorial donations may be to the Heart & Stroke Foundation.



**OSBORN, Joy Janet (Duncan)** - It is with great sorrow and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Joy on Wednesday, November 4th, 2015 at 90 peacefully surrounded by her family. She was in her 92nd year. She has now joined her beloved husband of 33 years, Murray (1979), and son Gary (1967). Much loved and devoted mother to David (Linda) and Gaye. Fun-loving and adventurous. Nana to Murray (Terry), Leah (Mike) and Leanne (Terry). She also adored her growing family of great-grandchildren. Born in Toronto, Ontario, she served in the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service (Wrens) in Ottawa and Newfoundland during WWII, an experience which was amazingly crucial in maturing and shaping her future. It was during this period she met and later married, Murray. They settled in Stevensville, Ontario, where she embraced her country life and new small community. She became a member of the Women's Institute and became friends with many wonderful women for the rest of her life. She loved her animals, travel, sewing and local charity work and she passed her passions on to her family. Her most recent job was as a switchboard operator at the Donora Memorial Hospital. When everyone recognized her soothing voice as she announced, "Visiting hours are now open for the day" She loved the beauty of nature and enjoyed every day to the fullest. We will all miss spending time with her. The family would like to express their thanks for all the cards and calls of sympathy sent to them by the Positive Care Unit and Dr. Douglas - Memorial Hospital. At Joy's request, cremation has taken place and a celebration of her life will be held at St. John's United Church, 14789 Sodom Road, Snyder, Ontario, on November 12th at 11:00 a.m., with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. Arrangements entrusted to Niagara Funeral Alternatives. Donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

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**PERRY, Gizella** - Passed away suddenly but peacefully on Tuesday, November 2nd at Maple Park Lodge in her 90th year. Survived by beloved husband Norman and brother-in-law, Benedict (late Adele) of Buffalo, NY. Surrounded by many friends, especially Penny Daniels of Fort Erie. Gizella was a Registered Nurse at Douglas Memorial Hospital for many years. She loved to do needlework and her creations were framed and given as gifts. The family wish to thank the staff at Maple Park Lodge for their understanding and excellent care. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Road, Fort Erie, entrusted with arrangements. In keeping with Gizella's wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at St. Michael's Church on Friday November 13th at 11 a.m. Interment at Greenwood Columbarium followed by a reception at Benner Funeral Home. For those who wish, donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

**RITENBURG, Helen Eileen (nee Jansen)** - Age 87, went to be with her Lord on November 8, 2015. Loving mother of Joan (Edward), Diane (David), Barb (John), Cherished grandmother of Sarah (Jason), Edward (Jelena), Jeremy (Rebecca), Patty (Dave), Mary (Dave), Steven (Laura) and Eileen and 7 great grandchildren. Predeceased by parents Alve and Ruth, son Howard Lester (1990), daughter Jason (1910), stepson Herb Grace (Nigh), Ronald and all her in-laws. Many thanks for the expressions of support, prayers and the care given by doctors, nurses and staff at the SCGH and Tabor Manor. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Road, Fort Erie, entrusted with arrangements. Family received friends on Wednesday November 11th, 2015 from 3:5 - 7:9 p.m. A private family burial took place on Thursday morning. A funeral service in celebration of Helen's life was held in the funeral home chapel on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock with a reception following. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice.



**VAN HEEREN, Hendrik "Henk"** - Born April 29, 1927 in Holland, Henk and wife passed away suddenly on Saturday November 7, 2015 at the Greater Niagara General Hospital. Predeceased by his father Nicolaas and his mother Pietermeil, brothers Nico, Joop (Trus), Jan and sister Rita. He arrived in the Netherlands Air Force in London, England where he met and married Margaret 67 years ago. Henk is survived by the love of his life Margaret, daughter Neila (Ken), son Nick (Marilyn), grandchildren, Mary (Patrick), Kristen and Edward. He came to Canada in 1953 with his wife and daughter. Since the age of twelve he worked in the trucking industry in Holland and Canada until his retirement in 1992. He dearly loved feeding his "Pet" Rabbits, Chipmunks and Birds. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie have been entrusted with arrangements. Cremation has taken place. Henk's family received friends at the funeral home on Wednesday November 11, 2015 from 1-3 o'clock. A private entombment will take place at a later date. For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to the Fort Erie SPCA.

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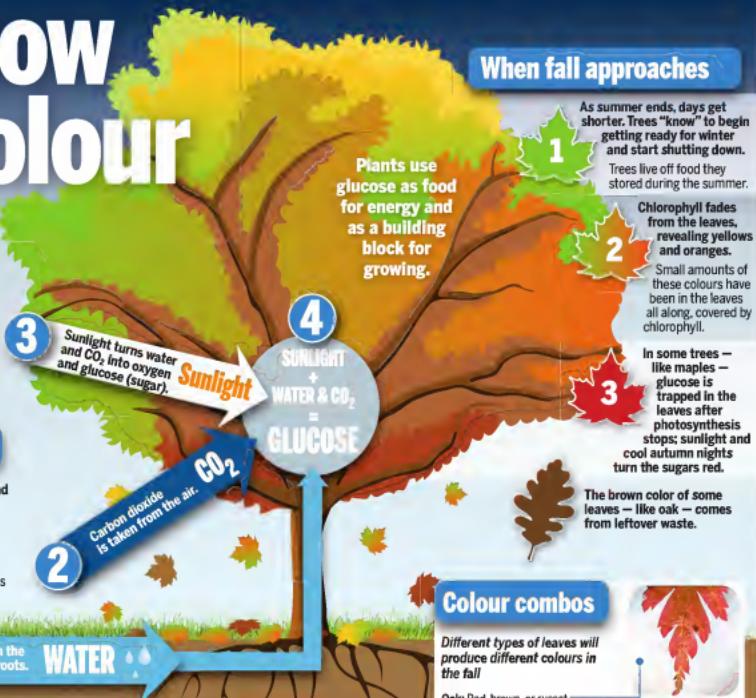
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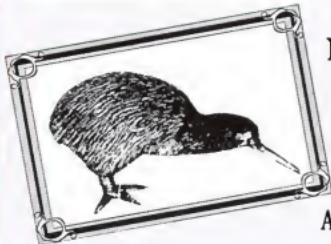


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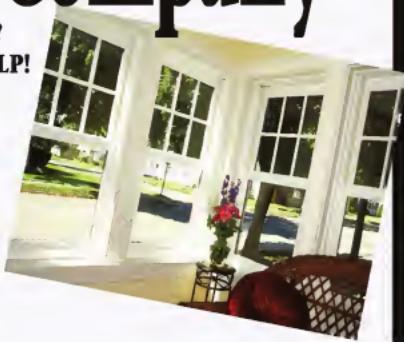
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